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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/27/2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

- Applicant's amendment filed 12/27/2007 is acknowledged.
- Claims 1-4 have been amended.
- Claims 5-7 have been cancelled.
- Claims 1-4 are pending.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-4 are confusing as written. It is unclear what address is being converted, what the address is being converted to, and what the conversion is based on. It is also unclear what address the first and second routers are converting and to what address they are converting.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Neves (US App. 2006/0276209).

Re claims 1 and 2:

Neves discloses *receiving a predetermined trigger* (Para.[022] "an efficient and incremental handoff processing technique is defined" - where handoff is a predetermined trigger).

Neves further discloses *providing an address from a first router* (Para.[0075] "the HAM notifies the routing coordinator about the new connection (providing the client address and port, the server address and port, masquerading address and port, and HAM identity)").

Neves further discloses *requesting a second router to create information to convert a destination address to the provided address* (Fig.3 ref.340 - where the translation record is created).

Neves further discloses *requesting a first router to create information to convert the provided address to a destination address* (Fig.3 ref.310 where the translation record is created).

Neves further discloses *a first router providing the address* (Para.[0075] "the HAM notifies the routing coordinator about the new connection (providing the

client address and port, the server address and port, masquerading address and port, and HAM identity)").

Neves further discloses *a first router creating and managing the address information and converting the address* (Fig.3 ref.310 - where an entry in the memory is created and used to convert the address).

Neves further discloses *a second router creating and managing the address information and converting the address* (Fig.3 ref.340 - where an entry in the memory is created and used to convert the address).

Neves further discloses *routing based on the converted address* (Para.[0003] the present invention relates to methods, systems, and computer program instructions for routing packets).

Re claims 3 and 4:

Neves discloses *receiving a predetermined trigger* (Para.[022] "an efficient and incremental handoff processing technique is defined" - where handoff is a predetermined trigger).

Neves further discloses *providing an address from a first router* (Para.[0075] "the HAM notifies the routing coordinator about the new connection (providing the client address and port, the server address and port, masquerading address and port, and HAM identity)").

Neves further discloses *requesting a second router to create information to convert a destination address to the provided address* (Fig.3 ref.340 - where the translation record is created).

Neves further discloses *requesting a first router to create information to convert the provided address to a destination address* (Fig.3 ref.310 - where the translation record is created).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
6. Applicant's arguments filed 12/27/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In the remarks on 8, Applicant contends the amendment overcomes the 112 2nd paragraph rejection.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees. The amendment does not overcome the 112 2nd paragraph rejection because of claims as written are confusing, vague, and indefinite. It is unclear what address is being converted, what the address is being converted to, and what the conversion is based on. It is also unclear what address the first and second routers are converting and to what address they are converting.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOHAMMAD S. ADHAMI whose telephone number is (571)272-8615. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Firmin Backer can be reached on (571)272-6703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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